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**Re: Lower Passaic River Study Area  
Request for Information Pursuant to 42 USC §§9602-9675  
Addressed to BASF Corporation for Inmont Chemical Corp., 150 Wagaraw Road, Hawthorne, NJ**

Dear Ms. Reddy:

This will confirm my voice mail message of today's date. I am in-house environmental counsel for BASF. On March 4, 2003, BASF received the above referenced Request for Information. It allows 20 business days for a response. I calculate BASF's response is due April 1, 2003.

I am writing to request a thirty (30) day extension of this date, until May 1, 2003. The former Inmont Chemical Corporation (Inmont) Site on 150 Wagaraw Road in Hawthorne has an extensive history of environmental investigation and remediation. Inmont purchased the Site in 1946. In 1979 United Technologies Corporation (UTC) purchased Inmont. Between 1982 and 1984 the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) required UTC to undertake certain environmental investigations at the Site.

In 1985 BASF Corporation (BASF) purchased Inmont from UTC. This triggered the ECRA process for UTC. Just prior to the sale, UTC entered into an Administrative Consent Order with the NJDEP obligating it to do an ECRA investigation and remediation. BASF closed its operations at the Site within one year, in 1986. BASF submitted an ECRA plan for the Site limited to decommissioning of the "continuing operations" which were not addressed by UTC's ECRA program.

UTC's investigation and remediation is still ongoing. Thus considerable data has been developed which is potentially responsive to the Request for Information. BASF requires additional time to investigate and provide responses to the Requests. This is especially true because of BASF limited operation at the Site and the volume of technical information that will have to be reviewed to satisfy the Requests.

Because of the volume of material, and the EPA's request that documentation be provided for all sampling, I would like to discuss with you the best way to make this information available to your office. I understand that you will be back in your office on March 17. I will call you then to discuss this request.

Very truly yours,

*Nan Bernardo*

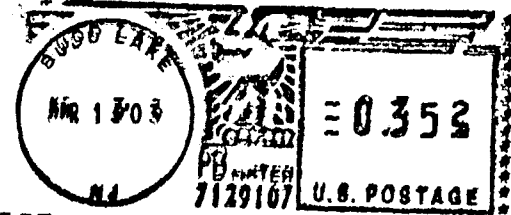
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